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**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Sir:

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- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 9 pages.
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In an action mailed December 17, 2004, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following inventions:

- (1) Claims 1-33 and 36-50, drawn to an apparatus for electrochemical processing, classified in class 204, subclass 224R; and
- (2) Claims 34 and 35, drawn to a method of processing a workpiece, classified in class 205, subclass 93.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elects without traverse, to proceed with examination on the merits of Claims 1-33 and 36-50, drawn to an apparatus for electrochemical processing, classified in class 204, subclass 224R.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.